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In re Application of:)	
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Timothy A.M. Chuter)	
Serial No.: 10/816,780)	Examiner: Julian W. Woo
Filing Date: April 2, 2004)	Group Art Unit No.: 3773
For: FLAT WIRE STENT)	Confirmation No.: 9975

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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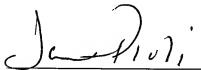
Applicants wish to thank Examiner Woo for his courtesy in participating in an interview at the USPTO on March 30, 2009 with applicants' attorneys (Janet Pioli and Richard Godlewski). In the interview, a discussion was held regarding cited reference U.S. Pat. No. 5,630,829 to Lauterjung ("Lauterjung").

As one exemplary distinction, applicants' attorneys explained that the "short, straight segments at each end" of a limb of applicants' stent are substantially identical. It was noted that this structure is supported by applicants' specification and drawings.

Applicants' attorneys further explained to Examiner Woo that the purported "short, straight segments at each end" of a limb of Lauterjung are always substantially different. For example, the cusps 16 at one end of Lauterjung's limbs are longer than the cusps 18 pointing in an opposite direction. (see, e.g., Lauterjung col. 6, lines 7-13; FIGS. 1 and 5).

While an agreement was not reached regarding specific claim language, Examiner Woo indicated that he understood the features and distinctions that the applicants' attorneys described in terms of the different cusp configurations. Examiner Woo suggested that if applicants can capture these distinctions, it would overcome the Lauterjung reference.

Respectfully submitted,



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